(*e*) whether there was any representation for providing more accommodation in the school, and, if so, when the earliest representation was received and the action taken thereon?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 272.

(*b*) 1,280 sq. feet.

(*c*) The answer to the first part is in the negative. Accommodation is available only for 160 pupils.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes; there were representations from the people about provision of additional accommodation for the school, the earliest of which was received by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools on the 20th Edavam 1105. On the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction, the Government have sanctioned the construction of 2 wings at either end of the main building at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,749. The work has not been taken up owing to the present financial stringency.

Expenditure for the maintenance of roads in the Alleppey town during 1106 and 1107.

140. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the amount spent for the maintenance of the roads in the Alleppey municipal town in 1106 and in 1107, up to the end of Mithunam, separately?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*):

1106 Rs. 12,782-15-6.

1107 Rs. 4,352-15-4. (This represents only the expenditure up to the end of Edavam 1107).

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഫ ഫ ഠ സ-ൽ ഫ ഉ ഒ വ ഉ -ൽ ചിലപ്പാനം രൂപായും ഫ ഫ ഠ ഒ ഇടവം അവസാനംവരെ നാലായിരത്തി ൽചിലപ്പാനം രൂപായും ഈ റോഡിനുവേണ്ടി ചിലവാക്കീട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ഈ റോഡ് വളരെ അത്യാപത്തികരമായനിലയിലാണ് സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്നതെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമൊ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): അതിനെസംബന്ധിച്ച് ജനങ്ങളുടെ അപേക്ഷകളൊന്നും വന്നിട്ടില്ലെ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): വന്നിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിവില്ല.

Circular prohibiting teachers of aided schools from taking part in political Activities.

141. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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[Mr. S. Krishna Pillai.]

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued a circular prohibiting teachers of grant-in-aid institutions under him from taking part in public or political activities, and, if so, whether they will lay on the table a copy of the circular ;

(*b*) whether the circular has been issued in consultation with them and after their approval ;

(*c*) whether there is any particular reason to be assigned for the issue of the said circular at present (2-11-1107) ; and

(*d*) whether they propose to give the teachers who will be affected by the rule any, and, if so, what additional compensation for this curtailment of their liberty ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) A circular was issued by the Director of Public Instruction calling attention to Section 61 (xiv) of the *Education Code* prohibiting teachers of grant-in-aid schools from taking part in political agitations. As the circular is confidential, copy of it cannot be laid on the table.

(*b*) The circular was issued with the approval of the Government.

(*c*) Yes. It was to prevent the subjects of the State from taking part in the civil disobedience movement inaugurated by the Congress in British India.

(*d*) The question is not understood. No teacher will undergo any monetary loss by reason of his being prevented from taking part in political agitations.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : In regard to the circular, will the member be pleased to state whether it was intended for the information of the teachers also ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes. The teachers will be privately warned, as otherwise it will not have any effect.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Does the member concede that copies of the circular will be placed in the hands of the teachers also ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Not necessarily.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : At any rate, will not the full purport of the circular be made known to the teachers ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The purport is practically here. Only the text of it is not given.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Does the member imply that the circular restricts teachers from attending public meetings relating to Congress propaganda and allied activities ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It says that they should not participate in political agitations.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Does it relate only to Congress activities or does it relate to all manner of political activities ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It relates to political activities which are directed against the Government.

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MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : So, the restrictions relate only to anti-Governmental political activities and not to any other kinds of political activities.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Well, teachers are as a rule debarred from taking part in political activities.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : What I am asking is about the scope of the circular—whether it relates to anti-Governmental activities.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is what the *Education Code* says.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) Are not anti-Governmental activities themselves made punishable under the *Penal Code*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They are also punishable under the *Education Code*.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Then what was it that necessitated the issue of the present circular?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is explained in the answer.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : The necessity arose because the Government wanted to prevent the teachers from participating in Congress activities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : May I take it therefore that this circular aims at that particular thing and nothing more?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The circular is general. It does not say that the teachers should not take part in Congress activities. It says that the attention of the managers is drawn to the *Education Code* and the rules contained therein. That is general.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : So, the rule contained in the *Education Code* does not relate to Congress activities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It will relate to Congress activities also when it is applied.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : The necessity was felt because it was brought to the notice of the Director that some of the teachers were participating in Congress activities and the circular was intended only for the purpose of preventing them from taking part in those activities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The circular at that time was intended for that alone.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : There was no other necessity at that time?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

Clearance of silt from channels fed by the Kodayar Reservoir.

142. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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